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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a **new utility** patent application of: **Pi-Yao CHIEH et al.**

Title of Invention: **BALLAST DEVICE HAVING ACTIVE BALLASTING CIRCUIT AND METHOD THEREOF**

Enclosed are:

A specification and 29 claims.

A Combined Declaration and Appointment of Attorney

Assignment to: Asia Optical Co., Ltd.

Claim for Priority and Priority Document

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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BASIC FEE			<u>RATE</u> <u>\$385.00</u>	<u>RATE</u> <u>\$770.00</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	29 - 20 =	9	\$ 9._____	\$18. <u>\$162</u>
INDEP CLAIMS	3 - 3 =	0	\$ 43._____	\$86._____
<u>MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS</u>			<u>\$145.</u>	<u>\$290.</u>
			<u>TOTAL</u>	<u><u>\$932.00</u></u>

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